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GENE EXPRESSION USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 14, 2005, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from September 14, 2005 to October 14, 2005.

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